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QUARTERLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1833.

At a meeting of the Society, Jan. 31, 1833, — transactions read.

A letter from Mr. Brooks, declining a place in the Society, was communicated.

A letter from Dr. Holmes, resigning his office of Corresponding Secretary, was also communicated. Whereupon,

Voted, That the Recording Secretary communicate to Dr. Holmes the thanks of the Society for his long and faithful services.*

Communication of donations was made.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., was chosen Librarian in the place of Mr. Bowdoin, absent from the country.

Mr. SPARKS, Mr. WORCESTER, and Mr. SAVAGE were appointed a committee to consider a communication relative to Governor Bernard's papers, in the possession

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* The letter of Dr. Holmes, resigning the office of Corresponding Secretary, is on file, and is here printed: —

"SALEM, 29th January, 1833.

"To the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

"Age and infirmity rendering it inconvenient, and at this season unsafe, for me to attend the meetings of the Society, and to perform all the appropriate duties of Corresponding Secretary, I now resign the office. The honor of being a member while the respected Belknap was yet with us, and, afterward, of filling the place of the respected Eliot, claims and receives my respectful acknowledgments; and the remembrance of a congenial intercourse with many departed associates, and with so many yet living, is among the most pleasing recollections in the evening of life. For the future prosperity of the Society, its officers and members will be pleased to accept the best wishes of their friend and associate,

"A. HOLMES.

"Hon. JOHN DAVIS,
President of the Massachusetts Historical Society,
Boston."

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of Mr. O. Rich, and report at the next meeting whether it is expedient for the Society to do any thing in regard to them.

Mr. LOWELL, Mr. SAVAGE, and Mr. WILLARD were appointed a committee to report at the next meeting to whom it will be proper to present the Collections of the Society.

The Standing Committee were instructed to report such alterations in the Laws and Regulations of the Society as they may think expedient.

Meeting dissolved.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Historical Society, at the house of the President, March 18, 1833, — the members present were, President, Recording Secretary, Coolidge, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Hale, Quincy, Savage, Sparks, Welles, and Winthrop.

The following votes were unanimously passed: —

Voted, That Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Benjamin R. Nichols, and Isaac P. Davis, Esquires, be a committee to execute an indenture between this Society and "The Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston," by which the said institution are to convey to this Society the second story of the edifice lately erected by said institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, together with half of the attic story of said building; the said indenture to contain such covenants, as well on the part of said institution as of the Society, as the said Committee may think reasonable. And, for the above purpose, the said Committee are hereby authorized to affix the seal of

this Society to each part of said indenture, and to acknowledge the same as the deed of the Society, and to deliver one part thereof to said Provident Institution.*

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* The following is the indenture between the Society and the Provident Institution for Savings: —

"This indenture made this sixth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, by and between the Provident Institution for Savings in the town of Boston of the one part, and the Massachusetts Historical Society of the other part, Witnesseth, That the said Provident Institution for Savings, in consideration of the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars paid them by the Massachusetts Historical Society, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and do hereby grant, bargain, sell, and convey to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, the second story of the edifice lately erected by said Provident Institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, and southerly on the Chapel Burying-grounds, together with one half of the attic story of said building, with a privilege in the entries and stairways. And, in case said building shall be destroyed by fire or other accident, the said Massachusetts Historical Society are to be entitled to one undivided fourth part of the lot of land on which said building stands, to be held in common between them and the said Provident Institution, until another building shall be erected by said Provident Institution thereon, of the same dimensions and of like materials with the present, and constructed in the same manner, to the cost of which the said Massachusetts Historical Society are to contribute one fourth part, and it is to be owned in the same manner as the present. To have and to hold the premises, with the appurtenances, to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, to their use for ever. And the said Provident Institution for Savings do hereby covenant and grant to and with the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, that they the said Institution are lawfully seized in fee of the premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, and that they the said Institution will warrant and defend the premises, with the appurtenances, to the said Massachusetts Historical Society, their successors and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons. And the said Massachusetts Historical Society do hereby for themselves and their successors covenant and agree with said Provident Institution, their successors and assigns, that they the said Society will be responsible for one fourth part of the cost of rebuilding said edifice, in case of its being destroyed as aforesaid; also, for one fourth part of the taxes which may be assessed on the whole of said estate, and one fourth part of all such repairs as may become necessary in consequence of general damage to the edifice by fire or storms, and one fourth part of assessments for drains or similar charges for the general benefit of said estate; also, for one half of the repairs on the passage-way from the third story to the attic, and for the whole of the repairs of the stairs from the first to the second story, and of all wood-work or windows or frame-work or any interior work of said second story, and for all repairs in the half of said attic story conveyed to said Society as aforesaid, and that they

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the sum of fifteen hundred dollars on interest, payable semi-annually, and to give his note or notes on demand therefor, in his said capacity; the above

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the said Society will keep their fires in said building in such manner as to be satisfactory to said Institution.

"In testimony whereof the parties have caused their seals to be affixed by their Committees hereto duly authorized, as appears by the votes of said Corporations, copies of which are hereto annexed, and the said Committees have hereto set their hands the day and year first written.

"JOSIAH QUINCY
BENJ. R. NICHOLS
JOSH. COOLIDGE
I. P. DAVIS
} *Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society.* [Seal.]

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us by Josiah Quincy, Benj. R. Nichols, Joseph Coolidge, and Isaac P. Davis, Committee of said Historical Society.

"S. E. SEWALL.
RICHD. ROBINS.

"JAMES SAVAGE
JOHN D. WILLIAMS
AMOS LAWRENCE
CHARLES WELLS
JAMES T. AUSTIN
} *Committee of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston.* [Seal.]

"Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us by the Committee of the said Provident Institution.

"RICHARD D. HARRIS.
SAMUEL F. MCCLEARY.

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SUFFOLK, ss. BOSTON, March 8, 1833. The above-named James Savage, John D. Williams, Amos Lawrence, Charles Wells, and James T. Austin, a Committee of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, appeared and acknowledged the foregoing instrument, by them subscribed, to be the free act and deed of said Institution, before me,

"S. F. MCCLEARY, *Justice of the Peace.*

"COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

"SUFFOLK, ss. BOSTON, March 21, 1833. Then the above-named Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Isaac P. Davis, and Benjamin R. Nichols, as a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appeared and acknowledged the foregoing to be the free act and deed of said Society, before me,

"S. E. SEWALL, *Justice of the Peace.*"

[The following is indorsed on the preceding deed:—]

"At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston, held March 16, 1833, at the hall of the Mas-

amount being the balance of the consideration-money for the premises purchased of said Provident Institution, the whole amount being six thousand five hundred dollars, of which five thousand dollars have been raised by subscription.

Voted, That Messrs. Isaac P. Davis and Nathaniel G. Snelling be a committee to sell or lease the upper apartment or room in the centre building in Franklin Place, Boston, with the passage-way or staircase to the same, on such terms as they may think reasonable, and they are authorized to execute, in the name of this Society, a proper deed or indenture for the above purpose.

Mr. HALE communicated a letter from Mr. John Gray, accompanying a donation of Indian arrow heads,

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sachusetts Bank, it being stated that, whereas, since the last semi-annual meeting of this Board, the Building Committee have made and executed, but not delivered, to the Massachusetts Historical Society, a deed of the second and part of the attic story of the new edifice, in conformity to the power vested in them by a vote passed at the said last meeting, which deed having now been read, it was voted, That the said deed is approved and confirmed by this Board, and that the Secretary of this Institution certify the same on the said deed.

"A copy from the records.

"BENJ. GUILD,
Secretary of the Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston."

[The following is annexed to the preceding deed:—]

"At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, March 18, 1833, Voted unanimously, That Josiah Quincy, Joseph Coolidge, Benjamin R. Nichols, and Isaac P. Davis, Esquires, be a committee to execute an indenture between this Society and 'The Provident Institution for Savings in the Town of Boston,' by which the said Institution are to convey to this Society the second story of the edifice lately erected by said Institution in Boston, bounded westerly on Tremont Street, together with half the attic story of said building; the said indenture to contain such covenants, as well on the part of said Institution as of this Society, as the said Committee may think reasonable. And, for the above purpose, the said Committee are hereby authorized to affix the seal of the Society to each part of said indenture, and to acknowledge the same as the deed of the Society, and to deliver one part thereof to the said Provident Institution.

"A true copy of record.

"Attest. CHARLES LOWELL,
Recording Secretary of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

"SUFFOLK REGISTRY OF DEEDS, BOSTON, April 2, 1833. Received and entered the counterpart of this instrument, lib. 367, fol. 98.

"Per HENRY ALLINE, *Reg.*"

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found on his farm in Kingston, Massachusetts. Whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mr. Gray for this donation.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest. CHARLES LOWELL,
Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1833.

At a meeting of the Society, April 25, 1833, — the members present were, Bradford, Coolidge, Davis, I. P. Davis, Hale, Holmes, Lowell, Merrill, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, R. Webster, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

The transactions of the last stated meeting and of the special meeting were read.

Mr. HALE and Mr. WILLARD were chosen the committee on the Treasurer's accounts.

Mr. SPARKS, from the Committee relative to Governor Bernard's papers, reported verbally that it was not practicable for them to make a definite report at this time, and the Committee was continued.

Mr. LOWELL, from the Committee to consider to whom it was expedient that copies of the Collections should be presented, reported that, in consequence of the removal of the Library, the Committee could not easily ascertain the number of copies on hand, and were not prepared to report.

A list of subscriptions for the purchase of the new room was communicated; whereupon,

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the gentlemen who have thus liberally contributed to this object, and that notice be given them by the Librarian that they are authorized to visit the Library whenever he shall be in attendance.*

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* The following is a copy of the report of the Treasurer, with the list of subscribers to the sum raised: —

"The Treasurer of the Massachusetts Historical Society has the pleasure of reporting to the Society that, between 6th November and 11th April last inclusive, he received from subscriptions, obtained by the Committee to assist in obtaining the secure and convenient situation in which the Society now is assembled, the sums hereunder specified: —

Samuel Appleton	$300	Otis Everett	$50
James Bowdoin	300	George Hallett	50
Peter C. Brooks	300	Charles Lowell	50
Jonathan Phillips	300	Edward Miller	50
Francis C. Gray	200	Edmund Munroe	50
John Q. Adams	100	Israel Munson	50
Amos Binney	100	Francis Parkman	50
Benjamin Bussey	100	George Parkman	50
Jos. Coolidge	100	Thomas H. Perkins	50
Benjamin W. Crowninshield	100	Lucius M. Sargent	50
John Davis	100	Lemuel Shaw	50
Samuel Dorr	100	Jared Sparks	50
John C. Gray	100	Israel Thorndike	50
Abbott Lawrence	100	George Ticknor	50
Amos Lawrence	100	Samuel Whitwell	50
John Lowell	100	John D. Williams	50
John Parker	100	Timothy Williams	50
Josiah Quincy	100	Samuel Fales	30
John Randall	100	Joseph P. Bradlee	25
James Savage	100	Samuel P. Gardner	25
George C. Shattuck	100	Benjamin R. Nichols	25
Robert G. Shaw	100	Samuel Swett	25
Artemas Ward	100	Joshua Clapp	20
John Welles	100	Edward Cruft	20
Thomas L. Winthrop	100	Samuel A. Dorr	20
Stephen White	100	Nathan Hale	20
Nathan Appleton	50	Abiel Holmes	20
Ebenezer T. Andrews	50	Elijah Loring	20
Samuel T. Armstrong	50	Daniel P. Parker	20
James T. Austin	50	Benjamin T. Pickman	20
George Bond	50	Thomas Bartlett	10
John B. Borland	50		
Henry Codman	50		$5000"

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The President, from the Committee on the alteration of the Laws and Regulations, reported the laws in a new draft, which report, after a few alterations, was adopted; and it was ordered the same be published in the next volume of the Collections, and that three hundred copies of the laws be struck off for the use of the Society.*

Mr. DAVIS, from the Committee on the subject, reported that they had leased the room belonging to the Society in Franklin Place for one hundred and twenty dollars per annum, and had disposed of the table in that room for the sum of ten dollars.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report: —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society, appointed to examine the accounts of James Savage, Treasurer of said Society, have this day performed the service, and report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance of one hundred and nine dollars and sixty-seven cents in favor of the Society appears in his hands, in which, however, is included a note of Phelps & Farnham for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, which was exhibited to us.†

[NATHAN HALE.
JOSEPH WILLARD.]

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* The new draft of Laws and Regulations, published at the end of 3 Collections, Vol. IV., and also separately from the same types, provided for holding stated monthly meetings, instead of quarterly meetings as hitherto. — EDS.

† The total receipts for the year were $6,722.50: viz., $212 from assessments and admission fees, $10.50 from sales of publications, $5000 from the subscriptions for the purchase of a part of the building on Tremont Street, and $1500 borrowed on the Treasurer's note. The payments amounted to $7,051.23, of

The officers of the last year were re-elected, with the exception of Dr. BRADFORD in the place of Mr. Lowell, who declined a re-election; Mr. LOWELL in the place of Dr. Holmes, who had resigned; and Mr. SPARKS in the place of Mr. Bowdoin, deceased.

[HON. JOHN DAVIS . . . . . was chosen PRESIDENT.
DR. GAMALIEL BRADFORD . . „ RECORDING SECRETARY.
CHARLES LOWELL, D.D. . . . „ CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE, ESQ. . . . . „ TREASURER.
JOSEPH WILLARD, ESQ. . . . „ LIBRARIAN.
REDFORD WEBSTER, ESQ. . . „ CABINET-KEEPER.
THOMAS L. WINTHROP, ESQ.
REV. JOHN PIERCE
NATHAN HALE, ESQ. } were chosen STANDING COMMITTEE.]
FRANCIS C. GRAY, ESQ.
REV. JARED SPARKS

The Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper were authorized to deposit with the Society of Natural History such articles in the Museum, relating to that subject, as they (the Committee) may think proper, taking a receipt for the safe-keeping and a list of the same.

The subject of preparing a list of the books, newspapers, manuscripts, and pamphlets belonging to the Society was referred to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to William T. Williams, Esq., for his valuable communications, and that a copy of the last volume of the Collections be presented to him.*

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which sum $6,500 were paid to the Provident Institution for Savings for the part of the building on Tremont Street purchased by the Society, $24.50 for the cost of removal, and $526.73 for printing the Collections. — EDS.

* W. T. Williams, Esq., of Lebanon, Connecticut, presented a number of manuscripts relating to the Indians, some or all of which were published in 3 Collections, III. 129–167. — EDS.

Notice having been given by the Recording Secretary of the decease of Rev. Ezra S. Goodwin and James Bowdoin, Esq., much respected and valued members of the Society, the subject was referred to the Standing Committee.*

Meeting dissolved.

The above report prepared by Rev. Dr. Lowell, at the request of

GAMALIEL BRADFORD,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, May 30, 1833. At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, this day, at twelve o'clock, — the members present were, Bradford, Davis, Everett, Felt, Gardner, Gray, Hale, Lowell, Merrill, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Webster, Welles, Willard, and Winthrop.

The records of the last meeting were read.

Certain amendments explanatory of the new code of By-laws were proposed by the President, and agreed to.

The Standing Committee reported that they had caused a partition to be placed across the Society's room, so as to divide it into two apartments; and recommended that a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be appropriated to the purpose of putting the

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* Rev. E. S. Goodwin, of Sandwich, elected in April, 1822, died Feb. 5, 1833. A memoir of him by Rev. Dr. Francis is in 3 Collections, V. 282–286. James Bowdoin, elected in August, 1821, died March 6, 1833. A memoir of him by James C. Merrill is in 3 Collections, IX. 224, 225. — EDS.

rooms, books, and Museum in order, and that this be raised by loan.

On motion of Mr. SPARKS,

Voted, That the eastern apartment be appropriated to the reception of the books of the Society.

Voted, That the Secretaries, Cabinet-Keeper, Librarian, and Treasurer be a committee for preparing and furnishing the east room for the reception and arrangement of the books; that they prepare an estimate of the probable expense, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Society be held at their room on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock.

The President communicated a letter from the Trustees of the Boston Library, requesting the attention of the Society to some repairs which have become necessary on the ornamental wood-work on the outside of their joint property in Franklin Place.

Voted, That Samuel P. Gardner and John Welles, Esqs., be a committee to confer with the Trustees of the Boston Library on this subject, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

The Librarian communicated the donation of William T. Williams, Esq., of the following works: —

Saybrook Platform. New London, 1710.
Cicero de Officiis, &c. London, 1629.
Cicero Orationum Pars Prima. Antwerp, 1567.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be returned for the same.

Mr. SAVAGE communicated the donation of Mr. Moses Pettingill of a map of the original town of Newbury.

Governor WINTHROP informed the Society that the State Government offer to this Society certain old papers now in the State House.

Voted, That Messrs. Merrill and Willard be a committee to receive the same.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be forwarded to Messrs. Thayer and Ritchie for the donation of the capital of one of the pillars of Governor Hutchinson's house.

The Standing Committee nominated for members of this Society, Rev. Samuel Deane, of Scituate, George Ticknor, Esq., of Boston, and Rev. John Codman, of Dorchester.

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks, Savage, and Bradford be a committee to consider and report on the expediency of a course of lectures the next winter.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL MEETING.*

Boston, June 5, 1833. Meeting opened at twelve M. The members present were, Bradford, Everett, Gardner, Lowell, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Webster, Welles, Willard, and Winthrop.

The records of the last meeting were read.

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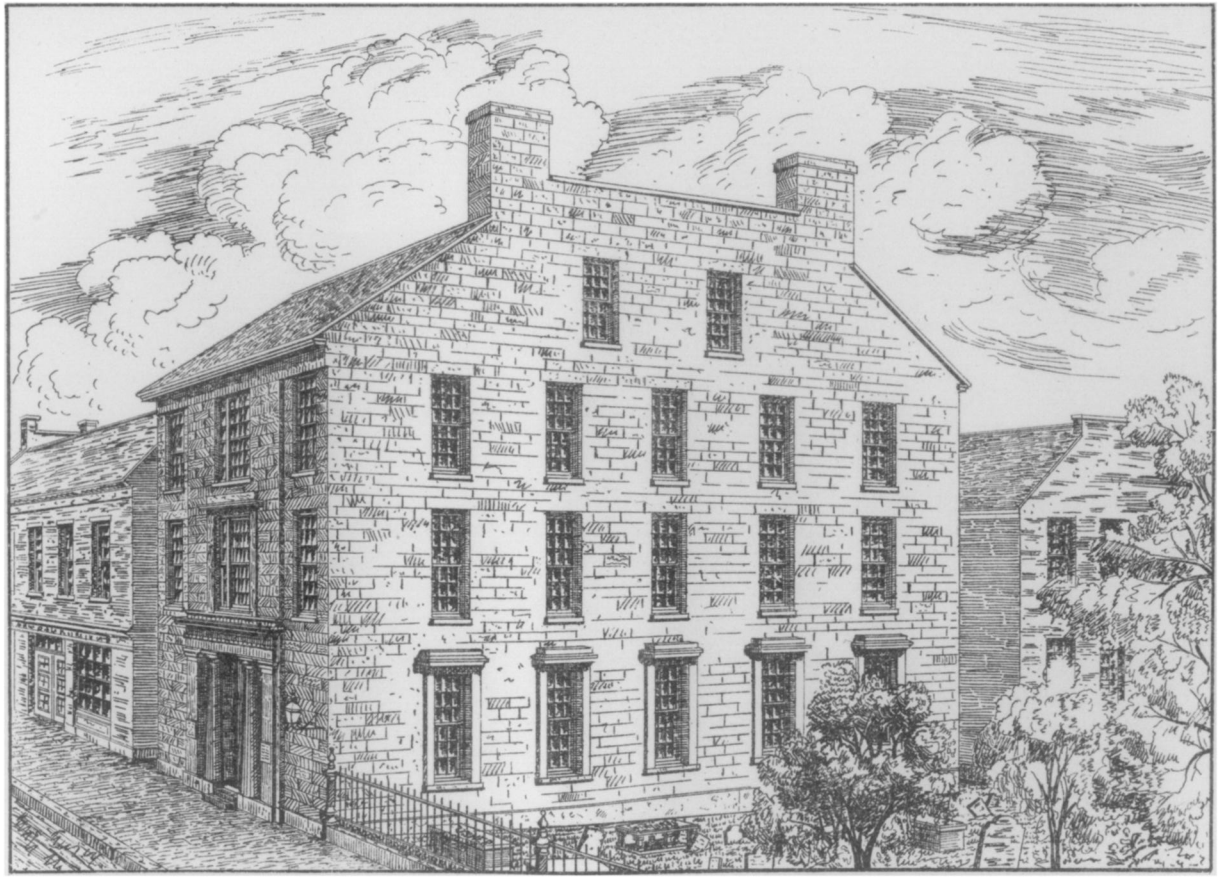
* The Secretary has made no minute in his records to tell us when the Society met for the first time at their new apartment in Tremont Street. From the wording of the vote directing this special meeting to be held "at their room," evidently for the purpose of enabling the members to confer together more intelligently on the subject on which their Committee was to report, — namely, the furnishing the new apartment, — it may reasonably be inferred that this special meeting was held here. Included with the articles purchased at this time for "furnishing the east room" were a number of long settees, on which the members sat at the monthly meetings, supplemented by the more ancient Windsor chairs, grouped around the large oblong table, at the head of which the President presided. The settees, the table, and the old Windsor chairs still exist; but when, some twenty years ago, the elegant Dowse Library room was fitted up with its luxurious cushioned chairs and its carved oval table, these evidences of more limited means, if not of simpler tastes, were relegated to the upper rooms, where they serve some humbler purpose, and are shown as relics of the past. — EDS.



Built by the Provident Institution for Savings, and occupied by the Historical Society from 1833 to 1872.

The Committee on furnishing the east room reported an estimate of expenses of cases, carpet, table, and settees at $401 or $481.

On motion of Mr. EVERETT,

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to furnish in conformity to the largest estimate.

Voted, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow for this purpose the sum of five hundred dollars.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of Boston Library report that they have taken some steps in conformity with the views of the Society, but have not yet come to any decision concerning the matter.

Voted, That this Committee be continued, with full powers to expend such sums upon the contemplated repairs, in behalf of this Society, as they shall consider expedient.

The Committee on Lectures reported that the Masonic Temple Lecture-room cannot be obtained for lectures next winter.

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to endeavor to obtain some other room, and to take such other measures as they shall consider expedient for obtaining lectures.

The Committee for the reception of the papers at the State House were not prepared to report.

Dr. WEBSTER presented a copper coin of the reign of James II., from Charles Brintnall, Esq.

The Librarian presented the second edition of Marshall's Washington, with letter from the author.

Mr. Savage nominated Thomas Aspinwall, Esq., of London, for Corresponding Member. Mr. Sparks nominated Sir Francis Palgrave, of London, for the same.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL,

Voted, That Dr. Lowell, Messrs. Sparks and Everett be a Standing Committee, to be called the Committee on Manuscripts, whose duty it shall be to procure valuable manuscripts and portraits for the Society.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to procure blanks for letters of thanks to donors.

Adjourned.*

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary.*

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, June 27, 1833. Meeting opened at half-past twelve o'clock; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The members present were, Bradford, Francis, Lowell, Quincy, Savage, Willard, and Winthrop.

Voted, That the Committee on the lectures be continued, with full powers to make all necessary arrangements for having a course the next winter.

Dr. Lowell nominated Mr. Secretary Cass a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian cause to be bound all the newspapers previous to the Revolution.

Adjourned.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary.*

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* By "adjourned" the Secretary means "dissolved." — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, July 25, 1833. Meeting opened at twelve o'clock; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The members present were, Austin, Bradford, Davis, Everett, Francis, Harris, Holmes, Homer, Lowell, Palfrey, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Webster, Willard, and Winthrop.

Dr. BRADFORD, from the Committee on Lectures, reported that he had obtained the refusal of the Athenæum Lecture-room.

Mr. FRANCIS reported the death of Dr. Allyn, of Duxbury.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas W. Whittemore, offering a number of newspapers, &c., which were accepted.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Judge Davis was excused from serving on the Committee concerning books to be sent to Dr. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, and the Recording Secretary was chosen in his place.

A letter was received from C. C. Parsons, presenting "Saducismus Triumphatus," London, 1681, formerly belonging to Dr. Eliot's library.

Mr. FRANCIS presented a copy of his Dudleian lecture, and also of his Plymouth oration.

Mr. SAVAGE presented from Mr. Du Ponceau his translation, in manuscript, of Vater's work concerning the aborigines. It was referred to the Publishing Committee.*

* The Publishing Committee did not print Vater's work. — EDS.

Rev. Mr. DEANE, of Scituate, GEORGE TICKNOR, Esq., of Boston, and Rev. JOHN CODMAN, of Dorchester, were elected members of the Society.

On motion of Dr. LOWELL, Dr. Jasper Adams, of Charleston, South Carolina, was nominated a Corresponding Member.

THOMAS ASPINWALL, Esq.,* and Sir FRANCIS PALGRAVE, both of London, and Mr. Secretary CASS, of Washington, were elected Corresponding Members.

Dr. HOLMES presented, from Mr. Torrey Hancock, "Tavernier's Voyages in Persia."

On motion of Mr. DAVIS,

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to effect insurance on the building in Franklin Street belonging to the Society, to the amount of fifteen hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. WILLARD,

Voted, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the expenses of arranging the Library, completing the catalogue, and other expenses relating to the Library.

Adjourned.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, *Secretary*.

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* Colonel Aspinwall was on a visit to this country at the time of his election. On his final return to Massachusetts, he was, in 1855, chosen a Resident Member. — EDS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Aug. 27, 1833. Meeting opened at quarter-past twelve; Judge DAVIS in the chair.

The members present were, Adams, Austin, Bradford, Codman, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Holmes, Lowell, J. C. Merrill, Pickering, Saltonstall, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Spooner, Ticknor, Webster, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

The Corresponding Secretary presented letters from Rev. Dr. Codman and Professor Ticknor, acknowledging his notice of their election.

The President presented the following donations: —

Part second of the History of Portland, from William Willis, Esq.
Indian Antiquities, from John Gray, Esq., of Kingston.

The Committee on the subject of Dr. Jasper Adams's letter reported that they have decided that the second series of the Collections of the Society be given him.

The Recording Secretary presented the following works: —

Lex Mercatoria, or Merchants' Guide.
Sainte Bible.
Du Service de l'Église.
Psaumes de David.
Poésies de Malherbe.

Mr. DAVIS presented Ricraft's "English Champions."

Voted, That Rev. Convers Francis be requested to prepare a notice of the late Dr. John Allyn, of Duxbury, for the next volume of the Transactions.*

* Mr. Francis's memoir is in the third series of the Collections, Vol. V. pp. 245–252. — EDS.

Mr. Worcester nominated Roberts Vaux, Esq., of Philadelphia, as a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Voted, That the Librarian and Cabinet-Keeper be a committee to label the pictures belonging to the Society with the name of the person and the painter, if possible.

The Librarian presented a letter from Mr. George Bancroft, requesting to be permitted to use the Library of the Society in the preparation of a historical work.

Voted, That Mr. Bancroft's request be complied with, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by a committee, consisting of the Treasurer and Librarian.

Mr. PICKERING * submitted to the consideration of the Society a transcript from the records and files of the General Court of this State of letters and documents relating to Father Ralle. Referred to the Publishing Committee.†

The Librarian was directed to procure an engraved copper-plate of a label for the inside of books, to contain the donor's name.

Voted, That the winding passage leading to the room in Franklin Street be plastered, the present occupants paying half the expense; and that the business be referred to the same Committee who had in charge the former arrangements relating to it.

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* Mr. Pickering at this time was not a member of the Society. He appears to have attended this meeting for a special purpose. He had been a member, and was re-elected two years later. — EDS.

† These papers relating to Father Ralle do not appear to have been printed by the Publishing Committee to whom they were referred. A Life of this Catholic and Jesuit was written a few years later by the late Convers Francis, D.D., for Mr. Sparks's series of "American Biography," in which he made use of the ancient documents at the State House. A brief memoir of Ralle, illustrated by original letters, by the late Rev. Dr. Harris, of Dorchester, was published in 2 Collections, VIII. 250–259. — EDS.

Rev. JASPER ADAMS, of Charleston, South Carolina, was elected a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the vote which referred the subject of the memoirs of the late Rev. Ezra Goodwin and James Bowdoin to the Standing Committee be rescinded, and that the President be requested to prepare a memoir of Mr. Goodwin in season for the next volume of the Transactions. Also, that Mr. Merrill be requested to prepare in like manner a memoir of Mr. Bowdoin.*

Voted, That the President be a committee to prepare a device for a seal for the Society, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. Savage, at his own request, be excused from the preparation of a memoir of the late William Tudor, and that the Hon. Mr. Adams be requested to prepare it for the next volume of the Collections.†

Voted, That Mr. Farmer, of Concord, be allowed to take from the Library a volume of Edmund Calamy's work, and to keep the same two months.

Adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Sept. 26, 1833. Meeting opened at a quarter past twelve; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The transactions of the last meeting were read.

Dr. BRADFORD, of the Committee on the subject of the Lectures, reported that the Committee had engaged the Lecture-Room at the Athenæum; that the Introductory Lecture would be delivered by the Hon. Edward

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* See *ante*, p. 468. — EDS.

† See *ante*, p. 429. — EDS.

Everett, on Monday evening, October 21; and the other Lectures on the succeeding Monday evenings.*

Voted, That Messrs. Sparks and Lowell be a committee with authority to procure an engraved copper-plate, for a form of notification to be addressed to Corresponding Members on their election.

The Librarian presented a Catalogue of the Officers and Students of Williams College, from Dr. Jacob Porter.

Voted, That all that part of Article X. of the Bye-Laws which follows the word "newspapers" be struck out, so that it shall read thus: "The time and place of every meeting shall be published in one, at least, of the Boston newspapers."

Voted, That the notice of the meetings be inserted in the "Daily Advertiser and Patriot."

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* The following is a list of the Lectures, delivered, at the request of the Society, this season, at the Athenæum Lecture-Room, on Monday evenings:—

"1833.	Oct. 21.	Edward Everett . .	Introductory.
	28.	A. H. Everett . . .	The Life of Columbus.
	Nov. 4.	Jared Sparks . . .	The Treason of Arnold.
	11.	John Pickering . .	Indian Languages.
	18.	Joseph Willard . .	Life, Character, and Services of Gen. Oglethorpe.
	25.	James Savage . . .	The Different Principles on which the European Colonies in America were founded.
	Dec. 2.	William Sullivan . .	Notices of some Eminent Men who have deceased within the last Fifty Years.
	9.	Joseph B. Felt . . .	The Prevailing Fashion of Dress in New England, from its first settlement to the present time.
	16.	George Bancroft . .	The Origin of Puritanism.
	23.	Convers Francis . .	The Regicide Judges.
	30.	Leverett Saltonstall .	The Colonial Charter and Laws of Massachusetts.
1834.	Jan. 6.	John G. Palfrey . .	Progress of American Periodical Literature.

"Messrs. SPARKS, SAVAGE, and G. BRADFORD, *Committee.*"

EDS.

Voted, That Nathaniel G. Snelling, Esq., be requested to prepare a memoir of the late Dr. Redford Webster for the Collections.*

Adjourned.

Present — J. Q. Adams, Bradford, A. H. Everett, Francis, Harris, Holmes, Lowell, Pierce, Quincy, Ripley, Savage, Shattuck, Sparks, Spooner, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1833. Meeting opened at a quarter past twelve; Governor WINTHROP in the chair.

The following donations presented: —

First part of first volume of Collections of Virginia Historical Society. By the Society.
Several bound volumes of South American Newspapers. By Rev. Jared Sparks.
A large box of Miscellaneous Pamphlets.
The Portrait of Dr. Chauncy. By Mr. Woodward.
A Letter from Nonconforming Ministers, &c. From I. P. Davis, Esq.
Warden's Bibliotheca Americana. From J. E. Worcester.

Voted, That the Librarian, with Isaac P. Davis, Esq., be a committee with authority to employ some person to select the pamphlets for this Society from the collection of the Athenæum.

Voted, That the thanks of this Society be given to Mr. Woodward for his donation of the picture of Dr. Chauncy, and also to Dr. J. C. Howard for his deposit of the picture of Dr. Clark.†

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* Dr. Redford Webster, elected in August, 1792, died Aug. 31, 1833. Mr. Snelling failed to perform the duty assigned to him. A memoir of Dr. Webster by Mr. Deane will be found in this volume on pp. 490–492. — EDS.

† The following letter from Mr. Woodward is on file: —

"Rev. Dr. LOWELL.

"SIR, — Your note of the 27th has been duly received on the subject of the portrait of Dr. Chauncy, and it is with much pleasure that I comply with the request you make in behalf of the Historical Society, as being a safe deposit for what is very valuable to me, knowing that no American was more ardent in

Rev. Jared Sparks, Joseph E. Worcester, Esq., Hon. Edward Everett, and Nathan Hale, Esq., were chosen the Publishing Committee for Vol. V. of the third series.

Voted, That persons who have purchased tickets for the present course of lectures be admitted to visit the Library and Cabinet of the Society, on Thursday afternoon of each week, from three o'clock P.M. till evening; and that the next lecturer be desired to mention it.

Hon. Roberts Vaux, of Philadelphia, was unanimously elected a Corresponding Member of this Society.

Governor Winthrop nominated Hon. Henry Clay as a Corresponding Member.

Adjourned.

Present — I. P. Davis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Winthrop, and Worcester.

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the cause of her independence, and none made greater sacrifices to obtain it than this truly great and good man.

"By the date of the artist who took the portrait, I find it was done in the year 1786, and was then considered an excellent likeness, which was a great gratification to me, as it was taken at my request, the year before he died. I will send the portrait next week to the room of the Historical Society in Tremont Street. Yours respectfully,

"Joseph Woodward.

"South Boston, Oct. 19, 1833."

An ancient picture in the Society's Gallery, known as that of Dr. John Clark, is described in 3 Collections, VII. 287, by the late Rev. Dr. Harris, who furnished the account of the pictures in that volume, as the portrait of the eminent citizen of Rhode Island bearing that name who was instrumental in procuring the charter of 1663 for that Colony, and as bearing the inscription, "Ætatis suæ 66, anno 1675," which pretty nearly conforms to the well-known age of this person. But Dr. Thacher, in his "American Medical Biography," and Mr. Coffin, in his "History of Newbury," who each give a lithographic representation of the picture, assign it to quite a different person; namely, to a Dr. John Clark, of Newbury and Boston; and some one of the officials of the Society, not many years ago, attached a label to the picture bearing an inscription conforming to this opinion. It is certain that a careful inspection of the picture does not sustain the accuracy of the above alleged inscription upon it. The date "1675" is not there; neither does it apparently bear any date. The account says it was "presented by a descendant, Doctor John Clark Howard, of Boston." — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

No meeting in November, being Thanksgiving.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Boston, Dec. 26, 1833. President presided.

The Standing Committee nominated Nathan Appleton, Esq., of Boston, and George Bancroft, of Northampton, for members of the Society.

A British Military Order-Book, from May 22 to Jan. 26, 1776, was presented by Theodore Dwight, Jr., Esq.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Theodore Dwight, Jr., for the donation.

Theodore Dwight, Jr., was nominated for a Corresponding Member by Mr. Savage. Theodore Dwight

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* The following letter accompanied the gift of "Lieutenant and Adjutant Waller's Orderly-Book, commencing at Boston the 22d May, and ending the 26th day of January, 1776," now in the Cabinet of the Society: —

"NEW YORK, Nov. 21, 1833.

"MY DEAR SIR, — I had once some thoughts of publishing extracts from the British Military Order-Book now in your possession; but, having renounced that expectation, I will thank you to deposit it in the Library of the Massachusetts Historical Society in my name, and to express to them the gratification I feel in being able to place in their possession an authentic memorial relating to a period so interesting as that of the Battle of Bunker Hill.

"This volume was found in the garret, or upper garret, of an old house in this city, about five years ago, with other order-books, papers, &c., some of which I have in my possession, but nothing of equal interest to the Massachusetts Historical Society. The house in question was the residence of British officers during the occupation of the city in the war.

"I am, my dear Sir, your friend and servant,

"THEODORE DWIGHT, Jr.

"ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., Boston, Mass." EDS.

was nominated for a Corresponding Member by Mr. Ticknor.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to Mrs. Derby for her picture of Dr. Clarke, to be the property of the Society, unless called for by Mr. John Clark Barrell, or, in case of his not claiming it, by Mr. John Clarke Derby, according to the terms of a letter from Dr. Spooner to the Corresponding Secretary accompanying the picture.*

Voted, That Dr. Spooner be allowed to take out of the Library the British Military Order-Book, above mentioned, for one fortnight.

The Treasurer, pursuant to the second article of the Rules and Regulations, reported that Dr. Prince had not settled his assessments, agreeably to the requirements of that article.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be desired to consider the expediency of applying to the General Court to enlarge the number of members allowed by the charter, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the Librarian be requested to have a fire in the Library every Thursday morning.

Dissolved.

Present — Aspinwall, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Gray, Hale, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Shaw, Spooner, Ticknor, and Winthrop.

Dissolved.

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* The picture is that of Rev. John Clarke, D.D., minister of the First Church in Boston, and an early member of the Society, painted by Henry Sargent for Joseph Barrell, Esq., of Charlestown. Not long before his death, Mr. Barrell gave the portrait to his son, John Clarke Barrell, who, on leaving home, gave directions, in case any accident should befall him, that the portrait be given to John Clarke Derby. Both these gentlemen were now absent, and Mrs. Derby consented that the portrait should be placed in the Society's room, on condition that it should be given up if called for by either of these gentlemen. See Dr. Spooner's letter on file. — EDS.